

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ALLOWING UNINTERRUPTED GAMING

Abstract of the Invention

255 817 The invention relates to a method of allowing a player to participate in an uninterrupted session of gaming while ensuring compliance with a regulation promulgated by a taxing authority, the regulations requiring that jackpots over a threshold amount won during gaming be reported. Player-related information adequate to comply with the regulation is stored prior to playing an uninterrupted session. When a reportable jackpot is won, jackpot-related information is stored such that it can be associated with the proper player-related information. The storage of jackpot-related information can be performed without any significant interruption in play. Thus, the invention avoids an extended "lock-up" period common in a conventional gaming system for recording of jackpot information whenever a significant jackpot is won. The player-related information, jackpot-related information, and information regarding the gaming establishment are associated and reported to the taxing authority after the uninterrupted session has ended.

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